
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Governor Tawes' interest in all aspects of economic development continued at a high level during his second term. His pride in the achievements of his creation in 1959, the Economic Development Department, was reflected in his frequent recounting of its success in attracting new industry. Progress toward the goal he set for Maryland, a major science-research area, was rapid during his last four years, as numerous science-based research organizations located in the Washington suburban area, in metropolitan Baltimore and in Frederick and Annapolis. The recognition by the State of the close relationship between these organizations and the cultural, scientific and social environment was a strong factor in the Governor's request to the Legislature for increased funds for both public and higher education. The State also began to support financially construction of science centers as recommended by the Governor's Science Resources Advisory Board.

Greater activity in the promotion of tourism was another characteristic of this period. The investment in the Maryland Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, the promotion of interest in historical sites and a planned program of attracting visitors was evidence of this emphasis.

The Gross State Product, an index found only in Maryland, showed a more rapid increase in economic prosperity than the national average. The role of State government in creating a favorable climate was a significant factor.

REMARKS, OPENING OF CAPITAL PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

BLADENSBURG

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I am enjoying immensely the international flavor of this gathering — the presence of the very lovely young lady from Brazil, whose beauty and talent establish her just claim to the title of Miss Universe — the presence also of the distinguished ambassadors who represent their countries here at the seat of our federal government.